

SEC. 2. That as thus amended the said resolution is hereby in all respects re-enacted. Resolution as amended re-enacted.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from its ratification.

Ratified the 14th day of March, A. D. 1879.

## CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND TWO OF THE LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR AND ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, TO PROTECT STATES INTEREST IN RAILROADS.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

SECTION 1. That chapter two hundred and two of laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five be amended as follows, viz., by adding the following section :

The governor of the state is authorized and empowered whenever he may think the public service requires it to have the affairs of any railroad in which the state has an interest investigated by a member of the board of internal improvements and to take such action concerning any matter reported upon as the board of internal improvements may deem to the interest of the state. Governor authorized to have affairs of railroads in which state has an interest investigated by member of board of internal improvements.

SEC. 2. The members of the board of internal improvements appointed for the investigation mentioned in section one shall have power to administer oaths, send for persons and papers, and all powers granted to a committee of investigation appointed by the general assembly. Authority to administer oaths, &c.

SEC. 3. Sheriffs shall execute writs of such member of [the] board of internal improvements as they would for a judicial officer of the state, and shall be allowed the same compensation therefor. Any person failing or re- Sheriff to execute writs issued by members of board.